



# THE WHITE HOUSE SYMPOSIUM ON ADVANCING GLOBAL LITERACY: BUILDING A FOUNDATION FOR FREEDOM

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New York, New York  
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## *Welcome and Opening Remarks*

Mrs. Laura Bush  
*First Lady of the United States*

## SESSION I

### UNESCO REGIONAL LITERACY CONFERENCES

#### *Moderator*

The Honorable Louise Oliver  
*Ambassador of the United States  
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization*

#### *Panelists*

#### **Regional Literacy Conference • Doha, Qatar**

Mohammed Bougroum, Ph.D.  
*Professor, University of Marrakech and National Project Manager for LAMP/Morocco*

#### **Regional Literacy Conference • Beijing, China**

Her Excellency Madame Chen Zhili  
*Vice Chairman, 11<sup>th</sup> National People's Congress Standing Committee, People's Republic of China*

#### **Regional Literacy Conference • Bamako, Mali**

Her Excellency Madame Touré Lobbo Traoré  
*Spouse of the President of the Republic of Mali and President of La Fondation pour l'Enfance*

#### **Regional Literacy Conference • New Delhi, India**

The Honorable Daggubati Purandeswari  
*Minister of State for Human Resource Development, India*

#### **Regional Literacy Conference • Baku, Azerbaijan**

Her Royal Highness Princess Laurentien of the Netherlands  
*Chair, The Reading and Writing Foundation, the Netherlands*

#### **Regional Literacy Conference • Mexico City, Mexico**

Mrs. Margarita Zavala  
*First Lady of Mexico*

## SESSION II

### U.S. COMMITMENT TO ADVANCING GLOBAL LITERACY

The Honorable Henrietta Fore  
*Administrator, United States Agency for International Development  
and Director of United States Foreign Assistance*

## SESSION III

### UNESCO COMMITMENT TO ADVANCING GLOBAL LITERACY

Adama Ouane, Ph.D.  
*Director, Institute for Lifelong Learning  
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization*

Mr. César Guadalupe  
*Director, Literacy and Assessment Monitoring Programme, Institute for Statistics  
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization*

#### *Special Address*

His Excellency Koïchiro Matsuura  
*Director-General, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization*

#### *Closing Remarks*

## LUNCHEON